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1. PREDICTABLY BULGARIAN MEDIA HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPORT SOVIET POSITION AT CSCE, SAYING SOVIET "BUSINESS-LIKE/ AND "CONSTRUCTIVE" PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ACCEPTED THUS OBVIATING NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF CONFERENCE. AT SAME TIME BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY (BTA) REPORTS FROM BELGRADE PIN BLAME ON WESTERN DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY US AND AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG FOR "ARTIFICIAL AND NEEDLESS PROLONGATION OF MEETING."

2. ON FEBRUARY 20 IN COLUMN HEADED "RD COMMENTS", PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" CARRIED (P.7) NENCHO KHRANOV COMMENTARY UNDER TITLE " WHO BLOCKS THE BELGRADE MEETING?" KHRANOV CLAIMED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES "CONCENTRATE ON CONSTRUCTIVE POINTS OF VIEW IN SPIRIT OF HELSINKI" AND THAT "THE SOVIET DRAFT, ALREADY TWICE AMENDED, RESPONDS ENTIRELY TO THE BASIC REQUIREMENT -- TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DETENTE PROCESS."

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3. KHRANOV CONTINUED: "UNFORTUNATELY, DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS AT PRESENT, REPRESENTATIVES OF US AND SOME OF THEIR NATO ALLIES DISTURB THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEETING, STRIVING TO DEVIATE ITS ATTENTION FROM BASIC ISSUES, TURN IT INTO A PROPAGANDA DISCUSSION WITH EVIL TARGETS. THE ENTIRE SHOW AROUND THE FALSE VIOLATIONS OF 'HUMAN RIGHTS' IN SOCIAL-

IST COUNTRIES IN WHICH STAGING AS WELL AS PERFORMING OF STARRING ROLE WAS TAKEN UP BY US DELEGATION LEADER ARTHUR GOLDBERG, AND THIS SHOW, IN PRINCIPLE, IS DIRECTED AT REVISING THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AT A CRUDE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES." KHRANOV THEN CHARGED THAT OUT OF NEARLY 30 PROPOSALS MADE BY NATO MEMBERS "NOT A SINGLE ONE WAS DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE SISUES OF DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT" AND SHOWS PRESSURE BY "CERTAIN WESTERN REACTIONARY CIRCLES WHICH STRIVE TO THROW SHADOW OVER THE HELSINKI ACCOMPLISHMENT."

4. KHRANOV CONCLUDED: "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES SHOWED AT BELGRADE MEETING THEIR FAITHFULNESS TO IDEAS OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION AND THEIR WISH TO MOVE FORWARD. THIS FINDS REFLECTION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE OUT A CLEAR, EFFICIENT AND WORKING DOCUMENT WHICH MAY CONSOLIDATE AGREEMENT OF ALL DELEGATIONS. THIS CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION IS BASED, HOWEVER, ON PRINCIPLE UNDERSTANDING OF CHARACTER OF FINAL DOCUMENT. IT SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ELEMENTS OF REVISING THE FINAL ACT. . . BECAUSE THIS ACT, WITH ITS REASONABLE BALANCE OF INTERESTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, A LASTING PROGRAM FOR ACTION OF THE STATES FOR STRENGTHENING SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION. TO IMPOSE OTHER POINTS OF VIEW WOULD MEAN TO MAKE ATTEMPT TO DEVIATE BELGRADE MEETING FROM ITS BASIC

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